

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the Sequence Listing section filed concurrently herewith in the Specification before the recitation of the claims.

Please replace Sheet 1 of the Figures with the attached replacement Sheet 1.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 18-21, with the following amended paragraph:

The oligonucleotide of the present invention is preferably an oligonucleotide represented by 5'-AA-(the antisense sequence of a target nucleic acid sequence)-CTATGCT-(the sense sequence of a target nucleic acid sequence)-CCC-TATAGTGAGTCGTATTA-GCGAAGC-TAATACGACTCACTATA (SEQ ID NO: 4)-3'.

Please replace the paragraph at page 14, lines 2-6, with the following amended paragraph:

An oligonucleotide represented by 5'-AA-(the antisense sequence of a target nucleic acid sequence)-CTATGCT-(the sense sequence of a target nucleic acid sequence)-CCC-TATAGTGAGTCGTATTA-GCGAAGC-TAATACGACTCACTATA (SEQ ID NO: 4)-3' is an example of the oligonucleotide of the present invention. Figure 1 shows a case where a target nucleic acid sequence consists of 19 bases.